

REMARKS

The claims are 20-31. Claims 1-19 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter. Claim 20 has been amended to better define the invention. Claims 27-31 are newly added. Reconsideration of the present claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that Claims 20-26 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objections to certain informalities. Specifically, the Examiner has suggested the term “determined” appearing at Claim 20, line 7 should be deleted, and further, that the determination step of the claimed method clearly be limited to determining the percentage fat from a relationship between *only* the first and second body measurements. Claim 20 has been so amended , and accordingly, is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 20 is also amended for clarity to specify that the percentage body fat is determined from the relationship between only the first and second body measurements and the percentage body fat using a look-up table. Applicants maintain that any method for determining the percentage body fat must necessarily recite this variable. Support for this change may be found throughout the specification, particularly at page 1, line 18, page 2, lines 3-8, and page 4, line 30 - page 5, line 1. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.


Newly added Claims 27-31 merely incorporate the system of now-cancelled Claims 9-11, 13 and 14, as the subject of further steps in the method of Claim 20. Support for these claims is found at page 3, lines 10-20, page 10, lines 11-17, and page 18, lines 1-11. As written, these claims depend from Claim 20, indicated by the Examiner as being allowable if amended to overcome minor informalities. Since Claim 20 has been so

amended, the present claims are likewise believed allowable for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, with no new matter having been introduced, it is respectfully submitted that newly added Claims 27-31 are in condition for allowance.

This Amendment After Final Action is believed to place this application in condition for allowance and, therefore, its entry is believed proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment After Final Action, as an earnest effort to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues, is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance the case to issue.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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